

**CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE  
P.O. BOX 71114  
FAIRBANKS, AK. 99707**

June 10, 2000

James C. Hayes, Mayor  
City of Fairbanks  
800 Cushman Street  
Fairbanks, AK. 99701

Dear Mayor Hayes:

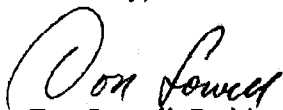
We are in receipt of a letter from the City Attorney's office, dated June 6, 2000 referencing Consolidation Petition questions. The letter in addition to questions, lists Petition deficiencies, quotes legal references, expresses unfamiliarity with the Alaska Statutes and the Alaska Constitution governing consolidation and asks a question on a proposed tax initiative that is not a part of our Petition.

We have provided your office with a copy of the Public Notice that spells out the legal criteria governing consolidation within the Alaska Statutes and the Alaska Constitution. Your legal department should have these documents and if not, this information is contained in a notebook alongside the Consolidation Petition at the Noel Wien Library.

In order to avoid duplication and extra correspondence, we prefer the Mayor assemble the City Council and your staff's questions and submit a responsive brief for or in opposition of the Consolidation proposal to the Local Boundary Commission in accordance with the Public Notice. Thereafter the Consolidation Committee will respond to your brief and Consolidation questions.

Prior to submitting your brief, you may wish to confer with Ketchikan City officials who recently petitioned the Local Boundary Commission to Consolidate the City of Ketchikan and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. They cite many advantages Consolidation offers that the City of Fairbanks should consider.

Sincerely,



Don Lowell, Petitioners' Representative